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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 3:41 PM  
**To:** 'Chad Amick'  
**Cc:** Duke, Daphne  
**Subject:** RE: Carolina Water Service 80% rate increase. Docket No. 2011-47-WS

Dear Mr. Amick:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-47-WS and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

When this matter is set for hearing, the Clerk's Office will provide you a copy of the Notice of Hearing. If a public hearing is scheduled in this docket, Carolina Water Service, Incorporated is required to publish the Notice of Public Hearing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas, and provide Notice of Hearing to each affected customer.

You may also follow this Docket on our webpage at this [link](#).

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

**From:** Chad Amick [<mailto:CAMICK3@sc.rr.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2011 4:48 PM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** Carolina Water Service 80% rate increase. Docket No. 2011-47-WS

Dear PSC,

I am writing to protest Carolina Water Service (CWS) proposed 80% rate increase for water and sewer. I live in a 1300 square foot home and watch my water usage. I do not water my yard due to how high the current water/sewer rates are and have had my piping checked for leaks. My monthly water/sewer bill is \$90.00. (This is compared to friends with the City of Columbia who pay \$50/**bi-monthly**). If the 80% rate increase takes affect, my bill will become \$162/month. That works out to \$1944/year. That is an outrageous rate increase. From reading through the transcript of Docket No. 2010-146-WS, it seems quite obvious that CWS has not been providing adequate and proper service in the areas they service. How can they justify raising water

rates an average of 80% when they have not provided adequate and proper service? In light of the current economic climate, while things have slowly gotten better, this is not the right time for a rate increase, especially one of this magnitude. I know that my neighbors and myself will not be able to sustain an 80% rate increase. How will we get the necessary resource of clean water and sewer service? Does CWS propose that we revert to the 1800's and use hand pump wells and dump our raw sewage in the streets? An 80% rate increase is a despicable affront to the customers who have no other option for this service. I would like to know when there is a public hearing held for this case.

Sincerely,

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